

July 17, 1995

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PHASE 2 REFORMULATED GASOLINE
REGULATION**

In response to suggestions by many participants involved in the implementation of the California Phase 2 reformulated gasoline (RFG) regulation, the Air Resources Board is opening an ongoing "question and answer" forum on our electronic bulletin board. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with this forum and to explain ways in which you can access the information and also ask questions.

What is the purpose of the forum?

The purpose of the forum titled "Questions and Answers on Application of the California Phase 2 RFG Regulation" is to distribute as widely and quickly as possible, answers and interpretations to questions relating to how the Phase 2 RFG regulation will be applied in specific situations.

How can I access the bulletin board?

Access to the bulletin board requires a personal computer equipped with a modem. Further information on how to set your communication parameters for your modem can be found in enclosure #1.

Can I send in a question to be answered?

Yes. Please send your written questions to Mr. Dean Simeroth, Chief, Criteria Pollutants Branch, Stationary Source Division, Air Resources Board, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812. You may also fax questions, again to Mr. Simeroth's attention, at (916) 445-5023.

Is there a preferred way for questions to be posed?

Yes, it will help us to answer your question if it can be posed in a situation type format. To illustrate, an example is included as enclosure #2.

We welcome your interest and your questions about how the Phase 2 RFG regulation will be applied and implemented. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Simeroth at (916) 322-6020. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Peter D. Venturini, Chief
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Enclosures

Enclosure 1

AIR RESOURCES BOARD INFORMATION SYSTEM (ARBIS) Status as of 5/31/95

The ARBIS is designed to provide information on the Air Resources Board's (ARB) activities for industry, local air districts, ARB staff, and the general public. The ARBIS may be accessed via modem by calling (916) 322-2826. Please make sure your communications parameters are set to 8-N-1. If you have a 9600 Baud modem or greater, use the ANSI capabilities that are provided by the more recent modem software packages. Modems slower than 9600 will work with VT-100 or TTY terminal emulation. If you have any questions regarding access to the ARBIS, please contact the Business Assistance Hot Line at 1-800-ARB-HLP2, Raul Cisneros at (916) 327-5978 or Bill Fell at (916) 322-3260. At this time, the ARBIS contains the following features:

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE- General information on ARB's Business Assistance Program.

- * BACT Clearinghouse
- * Equipment/Emissions Database
- * Portable Equipment Program Database
- * ARB Workshop Notices
- * Local Air District Informational Area, and
- * Much More!

Enclosure 2

(EXAMPLE QUESTION AND RESPONSE)

IMPORTED GASOLINE; TRANSITION PERIOD

Question: Is it permissible for a person to bring conventional gasoline into California by cargo tank truck from an out-of-state refinery, and deliver it between March 1 and June 1, 1996 directly to a California retail gasoline outlet?

Answer: No. Under section 2261(a)(1)(B) of Title 13, California Code of Regulations, the Phase 2 RFG flat and averaging limits for producers and importers apply to imported gasoline supplied from an import facility on and after March 1, 1996. Section 2260(a)(16) provides that:

"Import facility" means the facility at which imported California gasoline is first received in California, including, in the case of gasoline imported by cargo tank and delivered directly to a facility for dispensing gasoline into motor vehicles, the cargo tank in which the gasoline is imported.

Accordingly, when gasoline is imported by cargo tank truck and delivered directly to a retail facility, it is supplied from the "import facility" when it is transferred to the retail facility. All such imported gasoline directly delivered to a California retail outlet on or after March 1, 1996 will have to meet the Phase 2 RFG requirements. The analysis would be the same for deliveries directly to a bulk purchaser-consumer facility.

Where gasoline produced at an out-of-state refinery is imported into California by cargo tank truck or other means and is initially delivered to a California terminal or bulk plant, starting March 1, 1996 the gasoline will have to meet the Phase 2 RFG flat and averaging limits when it is supplied from the terminal or bulk plant.